(b) the reasons for delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Planning Commission has since been fully reconstituted.

(b) Does not arise.

Procurement of Rice

3807. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is increase in the procurement of rice during 1990-91; and

(b) if so, the details thereof in comparison to the position in 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A quantity of 126.06 lakh tonnes of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) has been procured as on 16th August, 1991 in the current kharif marketing season 1990-91 as against 117.44 lakh tonnes of rice procured during the corresponding period last year.

Telecast of Film Highlights Culture of North-Eastern States

3808. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any norms exist to telecast a feature film highlighting the culture of North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of feature films telecast during the last three years based on culture separately of each State of North-Eastern States?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir. No separate criteria exist for telecast of feature films highlighting the culture of the North-Eastern States.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) During the last three years, ten feature films in Assamese, four in Manipuri, two in Bodo and one in Karbi were telecast on the National Network of Doordarshan. During the same period, fifty Assamese feature films (including repeats) were telecast from Doordarshan Kendra, Guwahati.

Prices of Tyres

3809. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of tyres of all makes have been hiked by 6 to 7 percent recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof with reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government are committed to bring down the prices of tyres; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) According to the information supplied by the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association, some of the tyre companies have increased the tyre prices to the extent of 5% on account of additional surcharges on basic excise duty. Apart from this, the tyre prices have not been increased recently.

(c) and (d) There is no statutory control over the prices of automotive tyres. As such, tyre companies do not require Government's approval to go in for a price rise. However, the Government have placed specified categories of truck and bus tyres under OGL at a reduced rate of duty